

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A display monitor having:

- at least a stand-alone operational mode; and
- a further operational mode as a further peripheral to a data processing system;

the monitor comprising:

- an input for connecting to a first peripheral device; and
- circuitry for enabling data communication with the first peripheral device for user control of a functionality of the display monitor in the stand-alone mode, and for data communication between the first peripheral and the data processing system via the monitor when the monitor is in the further operational mode and connected to the system and to the first peripheral.

2. The monitor of claim 1, comprising further circuitry for setting the monitor into the stand-alone operational mode or into the further operational mode.

3. ~~The monitor of claim 2, wherein the further circuitry is operative to automatically set the monitor under control of detecting the monitor being connected to the data processing system.~~

4. The monitor of claim 1, comprising a further input for connection to a data storage device and for receipt of data to be rendered on the monitor in the stand-alone mode under user control of the first peripheral.

5. The monitor of claim 1, comprising conversion circuitry for converting first data of a first format being communicated from the first peripheral device to the monitor into a second format for data communication with the data processing system in the further operational mode.